



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Docket No. 1422-0635PUS1	
Application No. 10/501,507-Conf. #8270	Filing Date July 15, 2004	Examiner M. Bernshteyn	Art Unit 1713	
Applicant(s): Masayoshi HANDA et al.				
Invention: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING WATER-ABSORBING RESIN				
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.



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		Application Number	10/501,507-Conf. #8270 ✓
		Filing Date	July 15, 2004
		First Named Inventor	Masayoshi HANDA
		Examiner Name	M. Bernshteyn
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	Art Unit	1713	
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	
				Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
13	- 20 =	x	=		
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		
1	- 3 =	x	=		

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	Fees Paid (\$)
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